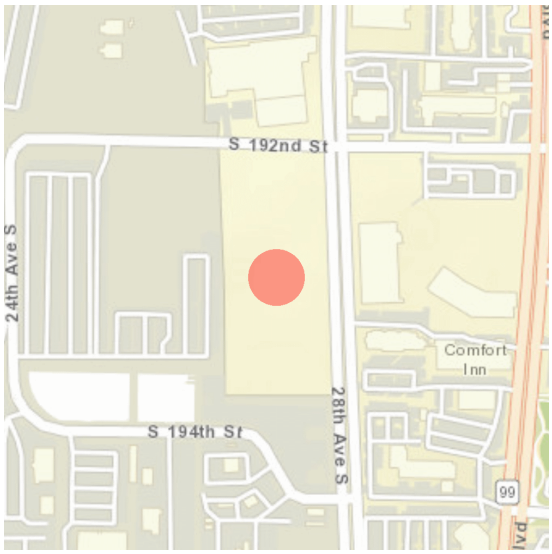
Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Angle Lake Elementary School Property ID: 51132

Location



Address: 19215 28th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98188
Tax No/Parcel No: 0422049003
Plat/Block/Lot: Lowe's Terrance #5/Block 1/portion of lots 3-6, an
Geographic Areas: King County, DES MOINES Quadrangle, T22R04E04, Congressional District 9, 33

Information

Number of stories:

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1937	☑

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Education	Education - School
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Historic Context:

Category
Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company

Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes

Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
050598-09-FTA, , METHODOLOGY MEMORANDUM FOR CENTRAL LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT		Determined Eligible	, 7/7/2008

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Photos

Side Elevation

Corner View

Front Façade

Front Façade/1950's addition

Front façade/Newer additions

Gymnasium

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Inventory Details - 10/26/2006

Common name:	Angle Lake Elementary School
Date recorded:	10/26/2006
Field Recorder:	Alisa Moffat
Field Site number:	ST1006
SHPO Determination	050598-09-FTA GAG 11/2/1998

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Plan	L-Shape
Cladding	Wood - Clapboard
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Structural System	Mixed
Cladding	Brick

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Significance narrative:

Between 1870 and 1915, settlers primarily farmed and logged in the area and lived in small, isolated communities. As the settlement grew in size, schools were constructed to educate new students, forming a number of small rural school districts, including Angle Lake Elementary School. The Angle Lake district was located in the southeast corner of present day City of SeaTac. Founded in 1893, the school district erected its first one-room school building in 1896. In 1924, Angle Lake, along with the six separate school districts of Sunnydale, Lake Burien, Mount View, Southern Heights, Des Moines, and Manhatten, united in an effort to build to build a new regional high school, creating Highline High School.

In the 1940s, the population in the Highline area tripled from 15,000 to 45,000. This is partially due to rapid growth in the defense industry, particularly the Boeing Airplane Company. It was also fueled by the construction of Seattle-Tacoma International Aiport, which opened in 1943 and began full scale operation in 1949. To meet this population growth, the Angle Lake Elementary School was built in 1937, and was added on to in 1942, in 1949, and in 1957.

Through the 1950s the Highline area population continued to grow, doubling to 90,000 by the end of the decade. Boeing contiued to be a major employer, and other industries were drawn by the proximity of the airport and the highway. Following national trends, people began to move out of the inner city and into the suburban areas. Inexpensive housing and the rise of the automobile culture spurred residential development in the suburbs, including near the airport.

This complex of school buildings have building dates spanning the period from the late 1930s through the late 1950s. Waves of new construction have comprimised the integrity of the complex, and the original setting for the school has disappeared and been replaced by new construction. Additionally, the interior of the building has been extensively renovated. Therefore, the complex appears to have little integrity left to reflect the architecture of school buildings in Washington state or the local area of any period. The complex does not appear to have any other known significant associations, and is therefore ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any Criterion.

Physical description:

The Angle Lake School is a complex of three buildings - a 1937 brick main building with several additions, a 1953 annex building, and a gymnasium that is listed in tax records with a construction date of 1937, though it is in a different style than the main building, and appears to be older. The complex sits on the eastern end of a 6 acre site south of the Sea-Tac Airport.

The main, brick building, described in 1938 tax records as the "new school house", is two stories and has a gabled roof of asphalt shingle. Somewhat Colonial Revival in style, the original section has six rooms in an L-shaped plan. The exterior ornamentation is modest and includes patterned brickwork, a wooden cornice, and some detailing around the main entrance on the principal north elevation. The entrance is recessed, and features a pair of double doors with transoms above. A trio of windows is on the second floor above the doors, surmounted by a small gable with a round vent. The building sits on a poured concrete foundation, and the first floor has both 3/3 and 6/6 windows. The second floor features very large 6/6 wooden, double-hung windows. In 1942, a wood frame and brick addition was made to the south end of the original school building. It filled most of the "L" in the plan and extended the east elevation by another set of four windows. This addition matches the original design in style and form, however, one wall is clad in wood clapboard instead of brick. There also appear to be changes in the roofline that suggest infill occurred at some point. Several other additions were made to the south of this wing in 1949 and 1957. The style of these additions are quite different and reflect a modern design sensibility. They have shed roofs, metal windows with horizontal panes, glass block, and brick and metal cladding. The annex building, constructed in 1953, is now connected to the main building by a breezeway.

The gymnasium building is a wood frame, single story structure with a side gable roof. Originally built as a school building, it was converted to a gymnasium. It has wood siding and deep roof overhangs, with vergeboards and knee braces. The gable ends have small rectangular louvered vents. The building has two entry doors on the front façade, each shielded by a shed roof awning. These are four windows above them, set high in the wall. There appear to be four windows on the side elevations, but they are boarded over.

The complex was closed as a public school in 1975.

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